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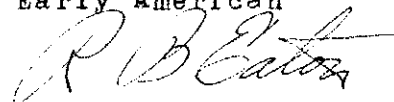
SMALLWOOD HOUSE
NEW BERN, N. C.

This beautiful example of Colonial architecture was built sometime between the years 1812 and 1816 for Eli Smallwood. The architect or builder is unknown. The house remained in the hands of the Smallwood family until shortly after the Civil War when it was purchased by Judge Thomas. Charles Thomas, son of the judge, was the next owner and he held title to the building until about 1925, when it was purchased by Mr. John Haywood Jones who is the present owner.

There have been several alterations and additions made to this house. At one time there was a counting room on the first floor which is now the living room and which had a separate entrance apparently similar to the house entrance. The date of this change is not known nor is the name of the architect or builder. When Mr. Jones purchased the house he added the new wing at the back and put in modern plumbing. The original house apparently had a kitchen in a separate building at the rear. The front bedroom on the second floor was originally the drawing room and the rear bedroom was presumably a library.

We are indebted to Mrs. Frank W. Hughes of New Bern for this information.

This house is the subject of a monograph of the "White Pine Series", Volume XIII, Number 3, and some measured drawings by Kenneth Clark are included from the "George F. Lindsay Collection of Early American Documents".



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